

The Healthy at Home Act of 2023

Many residential apartment buildings are plagued by mold, which is exacerbated by unsafe air quality, poor ventilation, and other health and safety issues in apartment buildings.

Unfortunately, critical research on the health impacts of mold and sufficient methods of preventing & ameliorating these issues is lacking, and tenants throughout the country are still exposed to dangerous types of mold and other health risks in federally-assisted housing. Congressional action is needed to protect against health and safety risks associated with mold, to support tenants to live in safer and healthier environments, to empower tenants to address problems head-on, and to give landlords and building management the financial resources needed to make repairs to properties impacted by mold and other health and safety risks.

This is why Congressman Joe Courtney (D-CT), Congresswoman Joyce Beatty (D-OH) and Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) have introduced the bicameral, *Healthy at Home Act of 2023*. The bill would provide the research, standard-setting, accountability, financial support, and education to improve the health, safety, and overall habitability of our country's housing.

Specifically, the bill would:

- provide federal funding to support building owners as they seek to make the changes needed to improve a building's safety for tenants;
- support research and standard-setting on mold and mold mitigation;
- create minimum housing stock quality requirements for federally-assisted housing;
- create an education campaign for tenants and landlords to reduce health risks; and
- incentivize states to disclose health and safety concerns in the building to future residents.

The bill is endorsed by:

American Academy of PAs – American Academy of Pediatrics – American Association of Nurse Practitioners – American College of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology – Allergy Standards Ltd – Allergy & Asthma Network – American Lung Association American Nurses for Healthy Environments – American Public Health Association – Change the Air Foundation – Connecticut Conference of Municipalities – Environmental Law & Policy Center – Green & Healthy Homes Initiative – Institute of Inspection Cleaning and Restoration Certification – National Association of Environmental Medicine National Center for Healthy Housing – National Environmental Health Association – National Housing Law Project – National League of Cities – National Low Income Housing Coalition – National NeighborWorks Association – Partnership for Strong Communities – Safe Kids Worldwide – Women In Need, Inc.